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UTU-078405
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CERTIFIED MAIL--Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Dave Lewis
American Gilsonite Company
29950 South Bonanza Highway
Bonanza, UT 84008

Re: Mining Plan Federal Gilsonite lease UTU- 078405, I-30 Mine

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We have received your updated mining plan dated February 24, 2006. This plan covers your re-entry into a mine that had been previously approved by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining under a Utah State Institutional Trust Lands Administration Lease. This lease was turned over to the Federal Government on October 28, 1998. The plan is summarized as follows:

1. New Hoist house and headframe, orebin and ancillary facilities will be installed on at the existing shaft.
2. New escape shaft with hoist will be placed approximately 800 feet east southeast of the shaft.
3. American Gilsonite will require a small Right-of-Way to obtain access from the lease to the main road that goes to Little Bonanza.
4. At the present time there are footings and the shaft is in-place at the site. The roads have been constructed under the old approval

You have informed BLM that you have decided to perform a 3rd party Environmental Assessment. This assessment will be coordinated with the Vernal Field Office Environmental Coordinator and Geologist.

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

We have reviewed the plan from a mining perspective and have found that the requested plan is necessary, logical and the plan meets all the requirements of the 43 CFR 3590's. NEPA can now commence on the plan.

If you require further information please contact Mr. Stan Perkes, (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

JAMES F KOHLER

James F. Kohler
Chief, Solid Minerals Branch

cc: Vernal Field Office
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Attn. Doug Jensen)
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